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Art Unit: 1634  
Examiner: S.L. Bausch  
Conf. No.: 8378

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/667,188 filed September 21, 2000  
Inventors: Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Atty Dkt.: 16517.293

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Amendment After Final Rejection; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.293. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Holsten (Reg. No. 46,098)  
David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2004 ("Final Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.